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SUBJECT:REPORTS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY IN INDIA AND
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1. COMMENTS FROM KABUL AND NEW DELHI ON YOUR REFTEL HAVE
PRODUCED SEEMING UNANIMITY THAT PAKISTANI INTELLIGENCE
INDICATING AN IMMEDIATE MILITARY THREAT FROM HER NEIGHBORS
CANNOT BE SUBSTANTIATED. REGARDING AFGHAN BORDER,
INFORMATION TO THE CONTRARY SEEMS CONVINCING AND CONCLU-
SIVE. ON THE INDIAN SIDE, GENERAL REDEPLOYMENTS SINCE 1971,
AND IN JAMMU DURING PAST YEAR, PROBABLY DO ENHANCE INDIAN
OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY, BUT THIS IS LONG-RANGE DEVELOPMENT
WHICH HARDLY JUSTIFIES ALARMIST ASSESSMENTS GOP MAKING.

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2. ESCALATING POLITICAL RHETORIC, HOWEVER, IS ACQUIRING
LIFE OF ITS OWN WHICH THREATENS FURTHER DAMAGE TO SIMLA
PROCESS AND AGGRAVATION OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH
AFGHANISTAN AND INDIA. CONTINGENCY COUNTER-MOVES ON PART
OF PAK MILITARY ALSO COULD CONCEIVABLY TRANSFORM PRESENT
ATMOSPHERIC CRISIS INTO REAL CONFRONTATION.

3. WITH THESE CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND, DEPT SUGGESTS YOU
FIND SOME APPROPRIATE OCCASION (IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY
DONE SO) TO INDICATE TO AZIZ AHMED THAT EVIDENCE AVAILABLE
TO US IS NOT OF NATURE THAT WOULD SUBSTANTIATE PAKISTANI
CONCERNS. KISSINGER

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